

Meeting of January 4, 1917.

The Board of Public Works of Maryland met at the office of the Governor, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on January 4, 1917.

Present: Governor Emerson C. Harrington,
Comptroller Hugh A. McMullen
Treasurer John M. Dennis.

The minutes of the meeting of December 21, 1916, were read and approved.

A letter, dated January 2, 1917, from George Fox, County Superintendent of the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County, applying for the use of the offices formerly occupied by the State Board of Education in Annapolis, was read. On motion, the Secretary was directed to ascertain the best terms of rental obtainable and report the same.

The request of Owen Daly and Company for an allowance of interest on the cash payment on the bid of said firm for the bonds recently purchased by them was considered. The Treasurer was instructed to deposit the check and the question of allowing interest was deferred.

On motion, duly carried, the Governor was directed, as President of the Board, to execute to the Union Trust Company, leases for offices for the State Auditing Department, State Banking Department and for the Board of State Aid and Charities.

On motion the bill of Joseph M. Dignan for \$1.00 for hauling carpet was passed and ordered paid.

Balance of bill due Chase and Company for services rendered the Goodnow Commission was ordered paid out of the Governor's contingent fund.

A letter from J. Enos Ray, Jr., State Auditor, saying that the Hahneman General Hospital, Baltimore, had neglected to furnish the Auditor the Institution books for audit, was read, and the Secretary was directed to write to said Hospital and ask an explanation on or before Monday next, and stating that unless compliance is made by said date, their appropriation will be withheld.

A letter from Bond Buyer, New York, soliciting financial

advertising was read and ordered filed.

It was moved and seconded that the German Correspondent of Baltimore be given advertisement of the offering of the \$600,000. Maryland State Bonds now being advertised. The motion was carried.

A letter from Mr. W. L. Jackson to the Comptroller, complaining of violations of the Oyster Laws was read and ordered referred to the Conservation Commission.

A letter from Mr. E. W. McMaster, County Superintendent of Schools of Worcester County, requesting that the State Auditor be directed to audit the Board's books, was read and considered. The Governor was requested to reply that this work was outside the duties of the State Auditing Department.

The Governor made a statement to the Board concerning a request that has been made to him by the Board of County Commissioners of Dorchester County for the auditing of the books of the Treasurer of Dorchester County. On motion, it was ordered that the State Auditor be directed to audit said Treasurer's books.

The Comptroller read a letter from Arthur P. Gorman, Jr., relative to the taxes of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, dated January 3, 1917. On motion, duly carried, the Secretary was directed to request Honorable Arthur P. Gorman, Jr., to appear before the Board of Public Works at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 1917, for the purpose of furnishing the Board with additional information relating thereto.

The Secretary then retired from the meeting.

The Board ordered the following bill to be paid:
Joseph M. Zamoiski, for furnishing electric fan - \$14.38.


Secretary.